

Overview of the State Performance Plan Development:

See page 1 of the State Performance Plan.

Monitoring Priority: Early Intervention Services In Natural Environments
Indicator 1: Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.

(20 USC 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)

Measurement:

Percent = # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner divided by the total # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs times 100.

Account for untimely receipt of services.

Overview of Issue/Description of System or Process:

In South Dakota, Birth to 3 Connections defines timely services as services beginning within 30 calendar days from the date the parent signs the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

However, Birth to 3 Connections strongly encourages that services start the day of the IFSP meeting or within the week or month depending on what frequency of services was decided by the IFSP team. For example, services provided weekly should begin within seven days and services provided monthly would begin within 30 days unless otherwise designated by the IFSP team.

Only those delays related to family issues are acceptable. These delays must be documented. Delays related to systems issues are unacceptable.

Every IFSP written in South Dakota is sent to the Part C State office and service information is encoded into the Birth to 3 Connections data system. The data system allows for the IFSP date to be entered. The initiation dates of services are captured through data analysis by comparing the initial billing date and the service start date on the IFSP.

Baseline Data for FFY 2004 (2004-2005): 89 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs received the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.

Discussion of Baseline Data: The Birth to 3 Connection program reviewed 4 months of data (January 01- April 30 2005) comparing the date of the IFSP meeting and the date of the first billing of each service on the IFSP. 89 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs received the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. The data show there was 17 children (out of 151) that had initial services provided past the 30 day time frame.

In the Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) response to South Dakota's Part C 2003-2004 APR, OSEP indicated that the state did not include data to support the conclusion that all services needed by the child and family were included on the IFSP. Data to support this conclusion are provided in Table 1 and 2. This data was determined through record review conducted while during monitoring visits during July 2004-July 2005 ensures that all needed services are included on IFSPs. Randomly selected records were reviewed in three regional sites tracking evaluation data to confirm that early interventions services are on the IFSP.

The data obtained are included in Tables 1 indicating that 100 percent of all records reviewed documented that “all services needed by the child and family were included on the IFSP”.

Parent survey data included in Table 2 supports this conclusion as well showing the response rate to be 100 percent for “early intervention services provided” and “services at the same frequency and intensity”.

Table 1

Monitoring results July 2004-July 2005	H.Land	3 River	Hub	% Compliance
Early Intervention records reviewed (30% of child count)	9 records	14 records	31 records	
Response				
All needed services are on the IFSP	9	14	31	100%

Table 2

Parent Interviews	3		4		5		% Compliance
Response	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
All needed early intervention services are provided	3	0	4	0	5	0	100%
Continuous services at same frequency/intensity	3	0	4	0	5	0	100%

FFY	Measurable and Rigorous Target
2005 (2005-2006)	100 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs will receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.
2006 (2006-2007)	100 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs will receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.
2007 (2007-2008)	100 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs will receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.
2008 (2008-2009)	100 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs will receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.
2009 (2009-2010)	100 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs will receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.
2010 (2010-2011)	100 percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs will receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.

Improvement Activities/Timelines/Resources:

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES	TIMELINES
Revise monitoring system to allow monitoring of this indicator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan. 2006
Implement monitoring of this indicator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2006
Develop and disseminate a guidance document on timely services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring 2006
Provide training and technical assistance for providers and service coordinators reinforcing the importance of starting services in a timely manner and definition “timely” early intervention services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 2006 - June 30, 2011
Birth to 3 Connections program will monitor programs for compliance with this indicator. When noncompliance is identified, state staff will work with the programs to determine nature of noncompliance and develop Corrective Action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 2005 - June 30, 2011